Stay on Arrest of Official of Punjab & Sind Bank

2820. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFIARS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Delhi Court on the 23rd November, 1996 stayed the arrest of one top official of Punjab & Sind Bank who was allegedly involved in the Rs. 34 crore "clean advance" loan scam in the Bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have issued instructions to the Police that no person will be arrested on "mere allegations recorded on source information" unless solid evidence pertaining to those allegations are produced etc.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and shall be placed on the Table of the House.

Indigenous Advance light Helicopter project

2821. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN :
DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the indigenous Advance Light Helicopter project has run into rough weather due to non-approval of its basic degin by the Centre for Military Aircraft Airworthiness and Certficaiton; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Advance Light Helicopter (ALH) project has not run into rough weather. There are four prototypes of the ALH currently flying and all components of these prototypes requiring flight clearance have been approved. The prototypes themselves are also cleared for flying by the airworthiness authority (CEMILAC). The prototypes are flown by pilots of the user services in addition to test pilots of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

Erosion in the Northern Coast-Line of Orissa

2822. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing erosion in the Northern Coast-line of Orissa;

(b) whether any step has been taken by Government to check erosion in that Northern Coastline in that State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to help the Government of Orissa in implementing the schemes pertaining to check erosion in those coastal areas?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) The Northern Coast-line of Orissa is experiencing erosion in some reaches confined mostly to the areas North of Paradeep Port, Hukitola Island, Kushabhadra river mouth, Jatadhara Muhana and Pantasatabhava region.

(b) and (c) The state Government have reportedly taken up a number of measures to check erosion along the Northern Coast such as sea walls, rivetments etc. They have set up a State Flood Control Board which inter-alia lays down policies and coordinates anti sea erosion works in the State.

(d) Coastal Protection and Development Advisory Committee has been constituted by the Union Ministry of Water Resources under the Chairmanship of Member (River Management), Central Water Commission with representation of all Coastal States including Orissa. This Committee advises the States on effective